

CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
November 7, 2011

The Cass County Drainage Board held their regular scheduled meeting November 7, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in room 203 of the Cass County Government Building. Those in attendance were members: Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Gene Powlen, Attorney John Hillis, Surveyor Jenny Clark and Secretary Becky Tocco .

Dave Arnold called the meeting to order.

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the minutes for October 3, 2011. Jim Sailors seconded; motion passed.

EXPENSE CLAIMS

CCS – 0750 #61 Sheets Open for \$150.00; \$74,386.31 in maintenance fund

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve all claims; Jim Sailors seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Trib D to Jones – Harrison Township

Rusty Logan was present to report on the progress and problems of this ditch. A portion on Mark Beach's property has been plugged up for a while. The 24" and 30" tile at Gene Horn's property has a hole and pipes are under water. DNR and Army Corp say there shouldn't be any problems replacing the tile with 30" tile. Rusty opts to leave the existing 24" tile on Mark Beach's property, which is now a wetland, alone and run a new 30" tile from end of the creek to Gene Horn's existing 30" tile, bypassing the wetland issue. Estimates for the project so far are at \$20,000.00. There is approximately 540' of tile needed for this reconstruction. There is enough money in the fund for this project now. Jim asked if tile will drain the wetlands. Some is to be expected; Rusty said DNR didn't have a problem with it.

Gene Powlen moved to accept the Engineering Report. Jim Sailors seconded. Motion passed.

Jim Sailors made a motion to let for bids on this project; Dave Arnold seconded. Motion passed.

B. Dehaven Tile – Deer Creek Township

Watershed has been expanded to include from the open ditch to Deer Creek. It was discussed what to do with working with INDOT on the project. We would be in their right-of-way; we will talk to them and reset a public hearing for a later date.

C. Trib E to Jones – Harrison Township

Public Hearing is set for December 5, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.; landowner notices were sent out November 4th. There are 1657.345 benefit acres, plus 109 lots. Length of drain is approximately 2.25 miles. Proposed assessment rate is \$5 per acre, \$20 per lot with a minimum \$5 assessment.

D. Noah Simmons – Bethlehem Township

Public hearing is today at 3:00 p.m.

E. Grable Tile - Adams Township

Attorney Hillis prepared a letter to INDOT discussing St Rd 16 regarding the County paying for the culvert under St Rd 16 as well as their 24" main storm water drain. We sent it certified and as November 3rd it has not been signed or received by INDOT.

F. Quincey Myers Open #81 – Jefferson Township

Gerald Berkshire is requesting work to be done with the culvert under CR 1050 W getting replaced. They haven't been told it will be replaced. Steve Easley reported that on October 12, 2010 he and two others had been out to look at the culvert. The problem with restricted flow lies between 1050W in Cass County and 1450E in White County. He recommended cleaning the ditch out to the west to get water moving, and then do another assessment. The ditch was cleaned out in January of 2011. Jeff Smith reported on Oct 20, 2011 that after the ditch was cleaned it was decided that there wasn't any immediate need to replace the pipe; unless the ditch is dredged on into White County, lowering the pipe to sink it deeper. Ron Blackman was sent out to look at it again on October 21, 2011; there were 21" of standing water, with little flow through the entire ditch. . Replacing and lowering the pipe as it stands now would be a waste of time and money. It won't be a simple project. Jenny will call White County to see if they will be on a joint board and work with us to fix the problem and report back next month.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Work Order #7 - Shankland Tile #96

Dale Forgey, 7786 S Cr 100 E, Galveston, IN is requesting replacing the next section of 15" tile, along with a section on Jim Cohee's from the first phase. He got an estimate from Miller Farm Drainage for \$36,478.50. There is currently \$12,000 in the fund.

Ed Nelson, 2198 N St Rd 29, Flora, IN, reported that work had already started; 1300' starting from the west. Did we want to just continue from there?

Additional estimates were requested. Jenny will get them and report back at next month's meeting.

B. Work Order #8 – Kessler Tile #56

Craig Douglass, 9360 N CR 600 E, Twelve Mile, IN reported trouble with the outlet; there are two tiles running parallel. Kessler is on maintenance and the Rentschler is not.

We may need to do a joint watershed with Fulton County and the Rentschler to fix this. There is \$5205.02 in the fund now. It was decided that Jenny would get a couple of estimates and also call Don Towne to see if they want to do a joint board, and then report back next month.

C. Work Order #9 – Harness Turley Open #14

Another ¼ mile of ditch needs dredged. There is a \$372.18 balance in the fund. Estimate cost of work would be \$5000. Jenny was asked to get estimates.

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve work order; Dave Arnold seconded.

Motion passed.

D. Work Order #10 – Jesse Martin Open #42

Jeff Berlet requested the replacement of a lateral pipe that had washed out due to heavy rains. One is needed for John Martin, also. Blackman's can reinstall pipes, haul dirt, stone, etc. There is currently \$1493.38 in the fund. It will cost less than this to repair it.

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the work order; Gene Powlen seconded. Motion passed.

E. Washburn #35 - White County joint ditch

We received a request for us to waive our rights to this ditch. We have 3 landowners and 61 acres in the watershed.

Gene Powlen made a motion to waive our rights; Dave seconded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Jackson, 3627 N St Rd 25, Logansport, IN, requested work to be done on the #104 Lairy Tile by St Rd 25 and 350 N.

Dave Arnold made a motion to hire Ron Blackman do a second check on the area water flow. Jim Sailors seconded; motion passed.

Alvin Mennen, 3188 E 500 S, Logansport, IN was present to report of problems with drainage on his property on the BD Bradfield Tile #86. North of his fenceline has surface water runoff onto his property. There are 12" depressions. He spoke with Dave who gave him permission to back some of it off with a terrace this last spring. He is still having problems losing dirt and crops. Alvin will come in and show Jenny the problem areas and locate where tile has been put. This is tabled until the December meeting, so we can meet back with more information.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Sailors made a motion to adjourn; Gene Powlen seconded; motion passed.

David S Arnold, President

Rebecca Tocco, Secretary